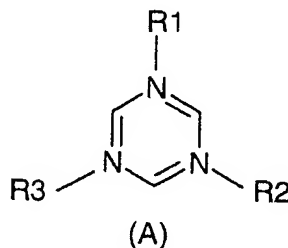


9. (amended) Composition according to claim 1, characterised in that the quantity of the said IR absorber is from 1% to 12% by weight.

10. (amended) Composition according to claim 1, characterised in that the quantity of the said IR absorber is from 5% to 10% by weight.

11. (amended) Composition according to claim 1, characterised in that the triazine compound has the structural formula:



where at least one of the substituents R1, R2 and R3 is NR'R'' and the others are H or NR'R'' and at least one of the substituents R' and R'' is -CH₂-O-Alk₁₋₄C and the others R' and R'', which are the same or different from each other, are H or -CH₂-O-Alk₁₋₄C.

18. (amended) Composition according to claim 1, characterised in that the quantity of the said triazine compound is from 10 to 30% by weight.

19. (amended) Composition according to claim 1, characterised in that the quantity of the said triazine compound is from 15 to 25% by weight.

20. (amended) Composition according to claim 1, characterised in that the said novolak resin has a weight average molecular weight of between 2,000 and 14,000.

21. (amended) Composition according to claim 1, characterised in that the said composition comprises at least two novolak resins, a first having a weight average molecular weight of between 3,000 and 5,000 and a second having a weight average molecular weight of between 6,000 and 11,000.

22. (amended) Composition according to claim 1, characterised in that the total quantity of novolak resin is from 1 to 20% by weight.

23. (amended) Composition according to claim 1, characterised in that the total quantity of novolak resin is from 5 to 20% by weight.

24. (amended) Negative lithographic plate comprising a substrate coated with a composition according to claim 1.

26. (amended) Method according to claim 25, characterised in that the said composition is a heat-sensitive composition which forms an image without the removal of material, which does not require any developing treatment after the stage of exposure to heat and comprises: a) a switchable polymer, and b) an IR absorber, characterised in that it also comprises: c) a triazine compound, and d) a novolak resin.